

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

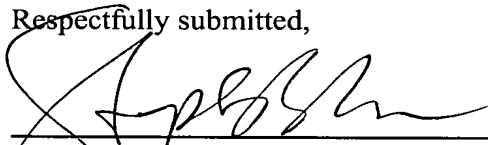
Claim 14 is pending herein. Claims 1-13 and 15-24 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicants intend to file a divisional application for the cancelled claims at a later date.

Should the Examiner deem that any further action by the applicants would be desirable to place this application in better condition for issue, the Examiner is requested to telephone applicants' undersigned representative.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1446.

February 5, 2004
Date

Respectfully submitted,



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